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This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 4 sheets.

☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ The international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

b. ☐ With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2. ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box II).

3. ☐ Unity of invention is lacking (see Box III).

4. With regard to the title,

☐ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☒ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE DISPENSING APPLIANCE WITH GAS CONNECTION ✓

5. With regard to the abstract,

☐ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☒ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box No. IV. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority. ✓

6. With regard to the drawings,

a. the figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 4 ✓

☒ as suggested by the applicant.

☐ as selected by this Authority, because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

☐ as selected by this Authority, because this figure better characterizes the invention.

b. ☐ none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

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Box No. IV Text of the abstract (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

An alcohol beverage dispensing appliance (10) has a container (22) housed in the appliance and a tap adapter (38) mounted to the container for dispensing beverage from the container. The tap adapter has a first gas connector (88) and a gas line (56) adapted for connection with the container for charging the container with pressurized gas to facilitate beverage dispensing. The tap adapter has at least one gas connecting locating member (90). The appliance has a gas supply line (58) housed in the container that has a second gas connector (86) adapted for sealing engagement with the first gas connector. The appliance has a guideway (64) for locating the second gas connector that is adapted for receiving the gas connecting locating member of the tap adapter in sliding and guiding relation to permit movement of the first gas connector into sealing relation with the second gas connector. The appliance has a locking member (96) moveable in the guideway between an unlocked position permitting movement of the locating member along the guideway and a locked position engaging the locating member to prevent reversing movement of the gas connecting locating member out of the guideway.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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☐ Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.

☒ Patent family members are listed in annex.

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